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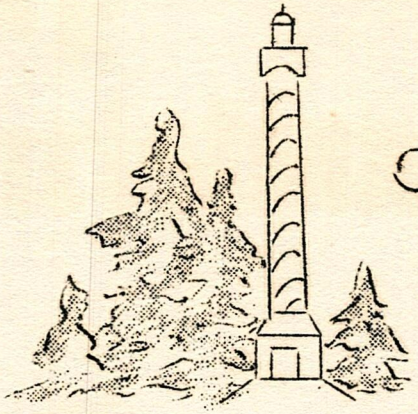

Here's wishing you
A Christmas Bright
With Holly and Tinsel
And Candle-light
A season of Friendship
old and true
With joys that remain
the whole year through!

COUNTY TESTING PROGRAM: The first semester examinations will be held possibly the second week in January, at which time full instructions will be sent. The following subjects and grades will be tested.

Spelling	Grades 3 to 8
Arithmetic	Grades 3 to 8
Science - Health	Grades 3 to 8
Social Studies	Grades 4 to 8; 4th Social test principally over geography; 5th, combination of two
English	Grades 3 to 8

"A good thing to remember, and a better thing to do, is to work with the construction gang and not with the wrecking crew."

MONTHLY REPORTS: We are sorry to say that some of our teachers are slow in sending their reports to our office promptly at the end of the report month. It is imperative that these be sent to our office promptly, as a summary of all the reports must be sent to the State Department. It is absolutely necessary that these be in the week following the report month.

Your promptness will be appreciated. Let's not have Clatsop County delinquent.

PROFESSIONAL DUES. Have you paid your County OSTA dues (50¢) and State OSTA ($2.00)? Dues may be paid at our office.

"Some pay when due
Some pay when past due
Some never do
How do you do?"

Remember no organization can be completely successful without the whole cooperation of all the teachers. Do your part.

COUNTY DIRECTORIES: Those of you who did not receive their copy may call for it at the office.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION: "Rule XVII of the Oregon School Laws, page 231, "Teachers shall exercise watchful care and oversight over the conduct and habits of the pupils, not only during school hours, but also at recess and intermission."

PERIODICALS: "There shall be not less than three periodicals for schools employing one teacher; for each additional teacher there shall be two additional periodicals or duplicates. These periodicals shall be selected from a list approved by the state library."--State Department

This circular, together with a list of periodicals, was sent to all teachers. Those of you who do not have a copy, may secure one through our office.

"A good name--without it, gold has no value, birth no distinction; station no dignity; beauty no charm; age, no reverence."

4-H CLUB: Clatsop County's 1941 4-H club year was completed November 1. At that time 650 4-H club members turned in final report books on projects that they had completed. People do not often look at the 4-H club work from the dollar and cents angle, and that is the way it should be. The value of training in leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship and the basic work in agriculture and home economics can never be measured.

It is interesting, though, to note the statistical figures as compiled from the records of the 4-H club members. These 650 boys and girls made and grew 8417 articles--one calf, one cake, one dress or one garden were all considered as an article. The value of these articles was $11,910.89. The cost of making or producing them was $9,171.39, leaving a profit on articles on hand, sold or used in the home of $2,779.50. Each project in the county averaged a profit of $4.29.

With the government stressing improved nutrition and increased production in a number of atricultural commodities, Clatsop County's 4-H club members are going to play a part. They are ready now and will be going ahead during the next year. Each additional pound of butterfat, beef, or chicken, each additional dozen eggs produced or garden grown is going to be a factor in the nation's defense. Our 4-H club members deserve a lot of support.

Health clubs are giving the boys and girls a chance to check on their physical condition. Food, clothing and homemaking clubs are aiding nutrition and making for a happier home life.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Do you have sufficient playground equipment and is your present equipment in good condition?

PENMANSHIP: Rice Publishing Company has an excellent manuscript alphabet, which is very good for grades one and two. It sells for 40¢ and may be obtained through J. K. Gill Company, Portland.

CHRISTMAS SEALS: Some time ago you were given a health bulletin entitled "Lighthouses of Society". This bulletin was prepared by the National Tuberculosis Association to teach the prevention and control of tuberculosis. The sale of T. B. seals will soon be conducted in your district. Urge the sale of these seals to make possible an organized campaign against tuberculosis.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: The following letter has been received from A. S. Barnes and Company on their book PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR SMALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

"In accordance with a letter received from Miss Florence Beardsley, Supervisor of Elementary Education of the State Department, we are sending you today a copy of Jack's PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR SMALL SCHOOLS, which we trust you will find such as you will recommend to the teachers and schools in your district."

From Miss Beardsley:

"We have examined the book thoroughly and believe it does serve a direct need in the field of physical education, especially for the teacher who has had little opportunity to take specialized work in that area."

We have a sample copy here at the office, which may be loaned at any time. Copies may be obtained through J. W. Stacey, Inc., 236 Flood Building, San Francisco, California or through J. K. Gill and Company, Portland, price $1.60.

DAILY PROGRAMS: Several teachers have not as yet sent a copy of their daily program to our office. We must refer to them at times; please send your program to our office if you have not already done so.

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and part with him only when he goes wrong."--Abe Lincoln

"YOU"

You are the fellow that has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside.
You are the fellow who makes up your mind
Whether you'll lead or will linger behind--
Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar
Or be contented to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it. Here's something to do!
Just think it over. It's all up to you!

What do you wish? To be known as a shirk,
Or known as a good man who's willing to work,
Scorned for a loafer or praised by your chief,
Rich man or poor man or beggar or thief?
Eager or earnest or dull through the day,
Honest or crooked? It's you who must say!
You must decide in the face of the test
Whether you'll shirk it or give it your best.

Nobody here will compel you to rise;
No one will force you to open your eyes;
No one will answer for you yes or no,
Whether to say there or whether to go.
Life is a game, but it's you who must say,
Whether as cheat or as sportsman you'll play.
Fate may betray you, but you settle first
Whether to live to your best or your worst.

So whatever it is you are wanting to be,
Remember, to fashion the choice you are free.
Kindly or selfish, or gentle or strong,
Keeping the right way or taking the wrong,
Careless of honor or guarding your pride,
All these are questions which you must decide.
Yours the selection, whichever you do;
The thing men call character is all up to you!

SALESMEN: Be ever cautious of ready-to-sell salesmen. Ask them for a recommendation either from our office or the State Department of Education.

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONTEST: The Oregon Historical Society has selected "The Old Oregon Country" as the subject for the 1942 C. C. Beekman essay contest. The prizes offered are four in number, viz., first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university or other educational institution within the State of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

(1) The essay submitted in competition must not exceed two thousand words.

(2) Essay may be in handwriting or in typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size, either rules or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left-hand margin.

(3) The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and post office address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.

(4) There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by the principal or a teacher of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a student attending the same.

(5) In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical Society, Public Auditorium, 235 S. W. Market Street, Portland, Oregon, not later than Monday, March 16, 1942.

ECONOMY: Economy in use of supplies must be stressed. A representative visited us and said many paper mills were taken over by the federal government, so we must realize that we must save for National Defense.

SOME SAFETY HABITS FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY. (1) Cross streets only at corners. Obey traffic signals and the traffic officer. (2) Do not do the following three things that cause most accidents to boys and girls: running into the street from behind a parked car; dashing suddenly into the street; stealing a ride on the back of an automobile or a truck. (3) Face front when you get off a streetcar or bus. Wait until the street is clear before crossing to the curb after getting off a trolley car. (4) When riding in a school bus, keep your seat and do not talk loudly. Wait until the bus stops before getting on or off. (5) When riding a bicycle, obey the traffic rules which all vehicles must obey. Never give a child a ride on the handlebars. (6) Coast only on safe hills where there is no traffic. (7) Do not play on railroad tracks or trestles. Stop, look, and listen at a railroad crossing, and make sure that the tracks are clear in both directions before crossing. (8) When walking on a road which has no sidewalk, walk always on the left side of the road, facing the traffic coming toward you. (9) Do not ask a stranger to give you a ride in his automobile.

JUNIOR RED CROSS ENROLLMENTS: There are a number of schools who have not as yet renewed their Jr. Red Cross subscriptions--please do this at once.

Fifty-four Jr. Red Cross boxes have been sent to San Francisco for distribution to foreign lands. That is a wonderful start Juniors!

Additional boxes may be sent to the office, as we have received information from the San Francisco office that boxes will be sent during the whole year.

SURPLUS COMMODITIES: Are you taking advantage of the commodities available for distribution to the school lunch programs. Information may be obtained either through our office or the Public Welfare Office in the Flavel Bldg., Astoria. Miss Manche Langley is the District Director, and will help us if necessary.

Many of our schools are serving hot lunches. I appreciate your efforts, teachers, parents and school boards, as good nutrition will make the men and women of tomorrow.

REGIONAL INSTITUTE: We have received very favorable comments on the regional institute held at Hillsboro. Please tell us if you think the meeting could be improved. Cooperation is the word that inspires.

SCRAP BOOKS FOR FAIRVIEW HOME: We are again requesting schools to participate in this extra activity. Scrap books may be 6 x 9, smaller or larger, and contain pictures, etc. Please send these books to our office as soon as possible; the children at the Home enjoy them so much.

CLATSOP COUNTY LIBRARY: The Clatsop County Library wishes to extend its thanks to the teachers of the county for their cooperation with us in our recent Book Review Contest. The entries are now in the hands of the judges and the prize winners will be announced very soon.

It any of you teachers are aware of a need for certain books to use as supplementary material in any subject, and you will drop us a card expressing your wish, we will be very glad to bring such material as we can on our next bookmobile. This assures you your material when you want it. At times books are not in when you request them, and if you need the material at once, we are not able to provide it. If we know ahead of time however, it is possible for us to reserve this material for you.

Every other Saturday morning at 10:30, a story hour is held at the central library in Astoria. The children of Astoria seem to be enjoying these story hours, and we would like to have more of the children living outside Astoria come in and enjoy them too. Many children come into Astoria on Saturday with their parents, and could come to the story hour while their parents shop. The next one will feature Christmas stories, and will be held on Saturday, December 13. Story hour announcements and announcements of various other activities are made on the regular library broadcast every Wednesday at 5 on station KAST.

Some new books which would be of help in observing Christmas which have recently been added to the library are:

Graham: Welcome Christmas (A real Christmasy book for boys and girls to read to themselves or to have read aloud to them, has legends, carols, stories, riddles, etc.)

Harper: Merry Christmas To You (A fine collection of Christmas stories.

Pringle: Yule Tide In Many Lands (How Christmas is observed in many countries.

Schauffler: The Days We Celebrate (Celebrations for Christmas, plays, pageants, poems, essays and stories.

Smith & Hazeltine: Christmas in Legend and Story

Peace On Earth Good Will To Men

Anne Lewis
County School Supt.